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MASAHIKO FUKUDA

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FOR A BICYCLE COMPONENT

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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The references cited on Form PTO/SB/08a are being called to the attention of the Examiner.  
A copy of each foreign reference is submitted herewith.

EP 1010621, EP1281611, and WO 00/43259 were cited in a European Search Report for EP 04026844.1, the European patent application which corresponds to this application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed so that the examiner may refer to it when deciding the relevance of the references.

US 6,293,882 was cited by the examiner in the Japanese Patent Office during prosecution of the corresponding Japanese patent application.

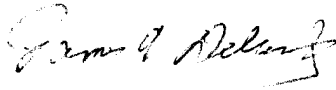
US 5,873,283, listed in the search report, was previously cited to the U.S. Patent Office in an IDS mailed May 26, 2004 and acknowledged by the examiner on February 16, 2007, and therefore is not being cited in this information disclosure statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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